

REMARKS

A one-month extension of time to respond to the June 30, 2005 Office Action is hereby respectfully requested. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$60.00 in payment of the one-month extension-of-time fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (order no.: 001202.0116). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

The Examiner issued an Office Action mailed June 30, 2005, which did not address the merits of the above-identified patent application, but which set forth an election requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring applicant to make an election of the invention to be examined. The Examiner divided the claims of the application to three groups of species as follows:

- I. claims 156-291, 394-399, 409-424, and 448-485;
- II. claims 292-328, 400, 401, 427-432, and 486-498; and
- III. claims 329-393, 402-408, 433-447, and 499-522.

Applicant hereby elects with traverse the claims of group I (claims 156-291, 394-399, 409-424, and 448-485) for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims of groups II and III in one or more subsequent continuing applications that claim priority and benefit from this application.

Claims 1-155, 425, and 426 have been previously canceled. Claims 456, 461, 465, and 469 have also been canceled without prejudice. Claims 292-393, 400-408, 427-447, and 486-522 have been withdrawn. Claims 156, 166, 169, 176, 179, 186, 189, 198, 204, 220, 234, 245, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, and 424 have been amended. Claims 157-165, 167, 168, 170-175, 177, 178, 180-185, 187, 188, 190-197, 199-203, 205-219,

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221-233, 235-244, 246-291, 394-399, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, and 448-485 are also currently pending in this case. No new matter has been added by these amendments to the claims.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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